

COUNCILMEMBER VIVIAN MORENO

City of San Diego Eighth District

MEMORANDUM

DATE:

February 24, 2021

TO:

Honorable Mayor Todd Gloria

Elyse Lowe, Director, Development Services Department

FROM:

Councilmember Vivian Moreno

SUBJECT:

Border to Bayshore Bikeway-Beyer Boulevard Landscaping

Please accept this memorandum as my full support and commitment to work with my colleagues and staff to identify funding for the City to maintain the landscaping watering costs for two years of the maintenance period for the Beyer Boulevard median landscaping project of the Border to Bayshore Bikeway.

The Border to Bayshore Bikeway is a 6.5-mile bikeway that will connect the San Ysidro Port of Entry, the world's busiest land border crossing, to the Bayshore Bikeway in Imperial Beach. The Bayshore Bikeway will eventually extend 24 miles around San Diego Bay, providing a vital biking connection to several waterfront cities.

The Border to Bayshore Bikeway will primarily run along Beyer Boulevard, Iris Avenue, Oro Vista Road, Grove Avenue/Ingrid Avenue/Halo Street, and 13th Street. As part of the Border to Bayshore Bikeway project, the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) is seeking to implement median landscaping improvements that include up to 128 trees along Beyer Boulevard. The landscaping improvements require maintenance costs for the watering of the trees. SANDAG will cover the 1st year, if the City can fund the 2nd and 3rd year. The total watering cost for years 2-3 is \$50,000.

As the Councilmember who represents the San Ysidro community, I am in strong support of these landscaping improvements. This Bikeway will provide a safe and green transportation option to travel within San Ysidro and to Imperial Beach. Thank you for your consideration.